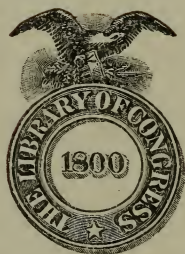


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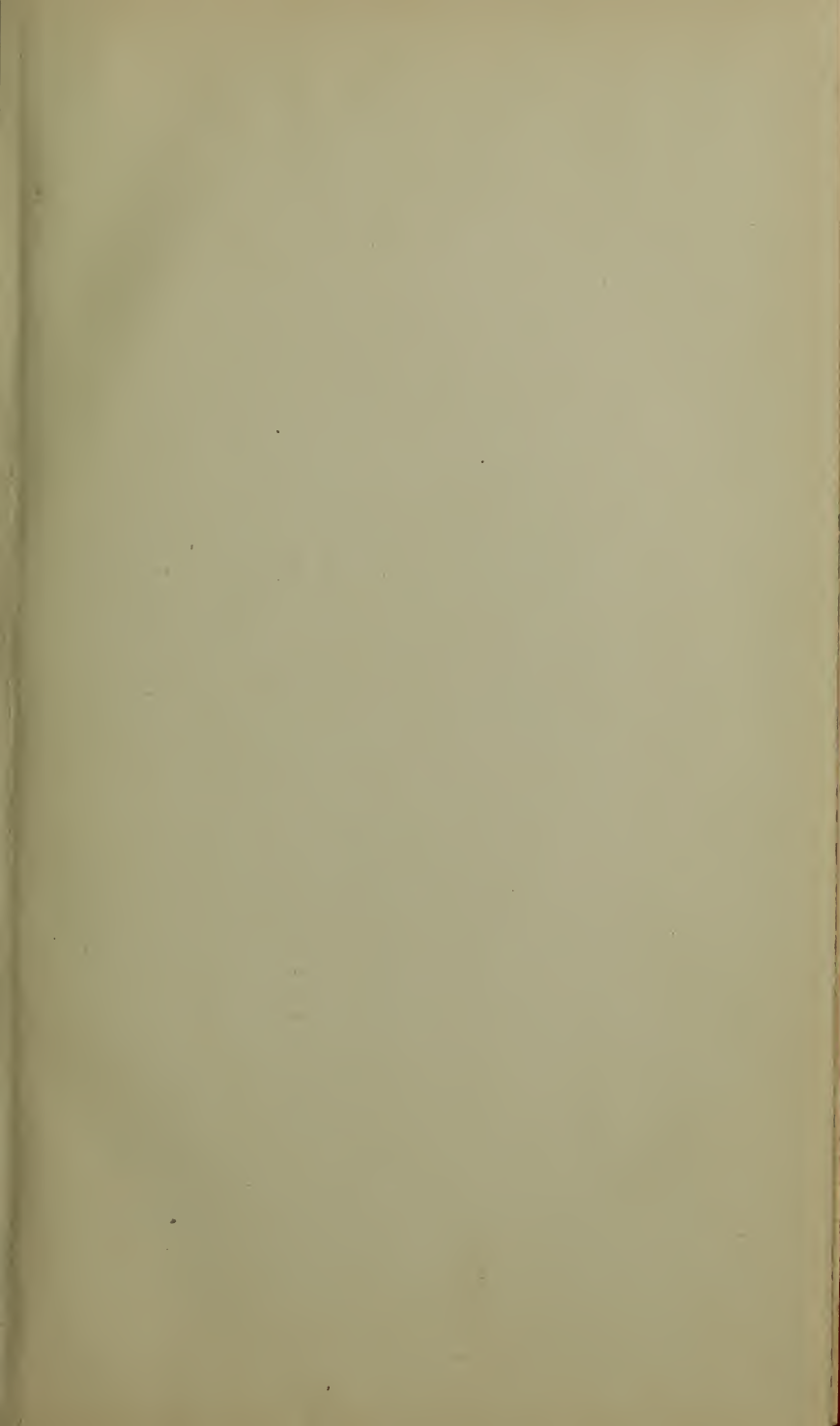


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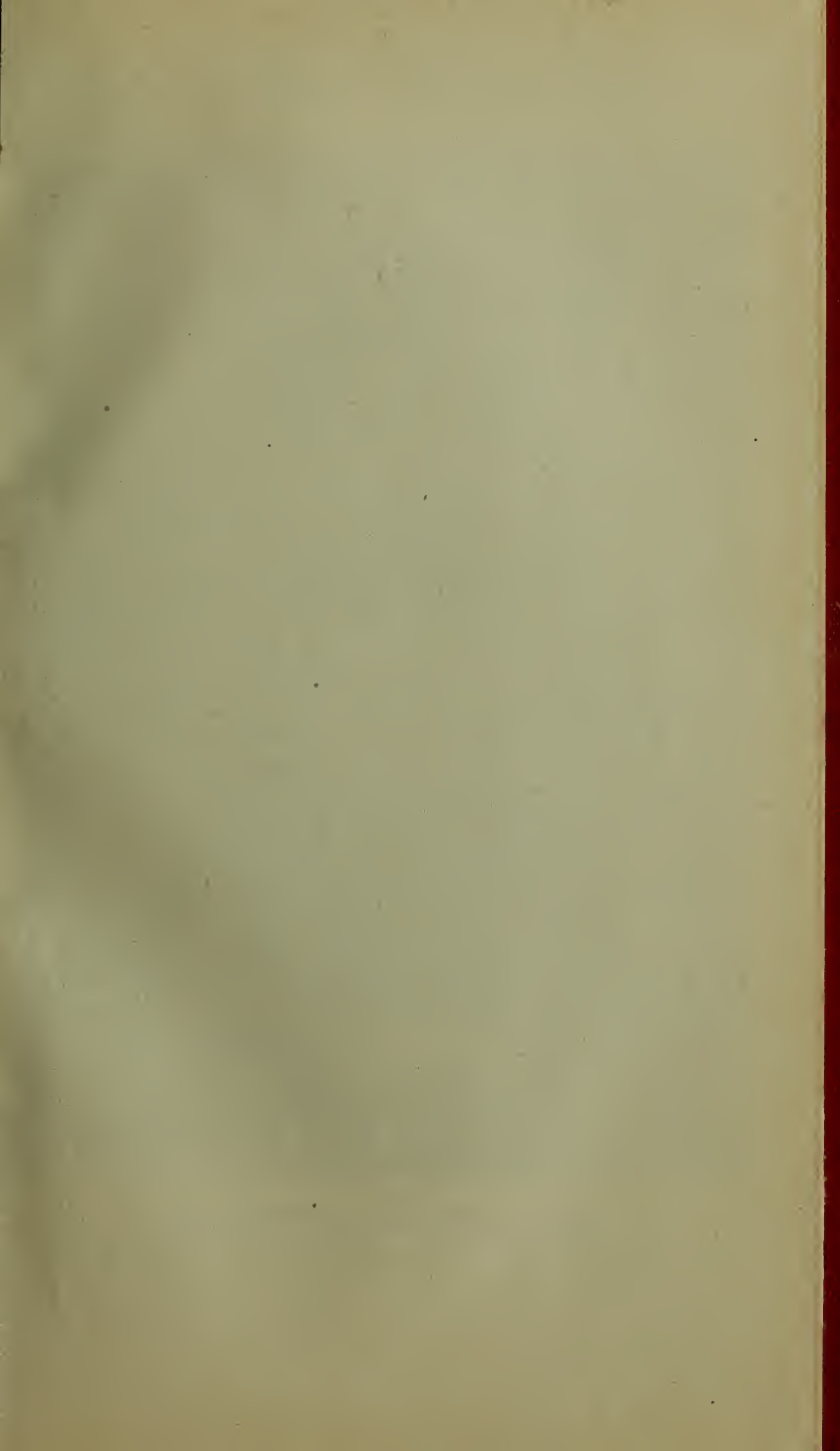






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INTRODUCTION

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My dear readers, I am writing this book as God has commanded me to do. It has pleased God to give me my command for first, second and third books to publish. As you can see, each book is different. I am trying my best to do God's bidding. Though the cross may be heavy at times, I am trusting God as Noah did when he was commanded of God to build the Ark. I do not think Noah knew who God had chosen to go into the Ark. Noah knew he was commanded from God, not man. I am trying to do my best that God will be pleased with my work He gave me to do. I am going to continue to do my best that I may please God, not man. I am trusting in God that I may understand better some day what meaneth this calling me to this work myself. All I have belongs to God. When He calls for a soldier to go on the battlefield I will answer, Here am I, ready for war. I am praying for God to give me strength to stay on the battlefield when the enemies are fighting hard against me. God's grace has kept me thus far; it will keep all that trust in Him. Remember, nothing is impossible for God to do if we will wait until He comes. Sometimes God is long coming. Trust Him and wait. He is all right when he comes to us. God brings good news and glad tidings. God help us to be more like Noah.

Hymn by Sarah Townsend

JESUS IS STANDING ON THE MOUNTAIN

Jesus is looking at me; Jesus is listening at every word
I say.

Jesus is looking at me.
If what I do be good or bad
Jesus is looking at me.

Jesus is on the mountain,
Jesus is standing on the mountain;
Jesus is looking at me,
On the mountain Jesus is looking at me.

I want Jesus to hear me call some sinner to Him.
Jesus is listening at what I say for Him.
I want Jesus to hear some sinner say,
I will go to Jesus today.

Jesus is standing on the mountain,
On the mountain Jesus is looking at me.
Jesus can see me wherever I go,
Jesus is looking at me.

When Jesus calls for my talent He gave me
I am coming with my best,
That Jesus will be well pleased with me
On the mountain.

Jesus is standing on the mountain,
Jesus is looking at me;
Jesus is watching every step I make,
Jesus is looking at me.
On the mountain Jesus is standing;
On the mountain Jesus is looking at me.

GENESIS, 1ST CHAPTER, 20TH VERSE

And God said, let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

How shall we make man that we will please God when He comes for our talents He gave us when we was saved from sin unto righteousness? God made us like Him. Have we kept the love and faith God gave us? If so, we are trying to make man for God after our own likeness. If our likeness is like God's we must be like God in many ways. How shall we do this? Watch and pray at all times. Our first watch should be in our homes; keep out dancing, card playing, drinking, swearing, backbiting any one in the house or out, live the life of a lady and a Christian. We can demand such respect that is due us. What must we do with our children? Do our best; train them up in a religious way when they are young; it cannot be too soon. Mothers must not let the child disobey old persons. We are helping our boys and girls to be after our likeness. When we have gone from labor to our reward, how shall we make man and woman after our likeness? Let them see us do nothing, say nothing we would not have God come and find us doing. Can we do any more to make man after our likeness? Yes, we must weep and pray for the unsaved man. When shall we begin? First, in our homes; second, in the street we live in. If we can make man after our likeness in our homes and street we live in God will give us faith and strength to look for unsaved man in some dark valley. When we find them we must tell them how God said, Let us make man. It is work for every Christian to do; not one only.

If your image is like God's, let us try daily to make man for good, not evil. We must answer for the deeds we do, let them be good or bad.

God help us to have dominion over some unsaved man and make man after God's righteousness that we will please God when He comes for us.

EXODUS, 17TH CHAPTER, 7TH VERSE

And He called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the chiding of the children of Israel, and because they tempted the Lord, saying, Is the Lord among us or not?

We Christians are often tempted. When we do our best for the cause of Christ we feel that we are standing on the devil's ground and not God's. What must we do then to find out? Inquire of God if He is among us or not. How shall we inquire If we are in trouble? We will pray God for drink if we are thirsty. If we are really thirsty we will pray the best we know how, not say prayers. Ofttimes when we are trying to show sinners the way out of the land of sin into the light of Christ they feel we are trying to take from them the pleasure of life. They stone us in many sinful ways. This is the time we question God if He is with us or not. We are in trouble now; no time for prayers. We pray God the best we know how to show us if He is on our side or not. Then we get the power from God to do much good for him.

Do we obey God when He gives us His power as Moses did? If we obey God when He gives us His command God will take away the stoney heart from sinners; He will follow us. Where shall we take them? To salvation's well to get a drink; they will not thirst again in this world. When we are trying to lead sinners to salvation will we get hungry on our journey? We get tired, we get many stones laid in our path. Remember, God hath said we cannot get to heaven on flowery beds of ease. We must fight for the prize. Sometimes sail through boldy seas for God to child of God will pray for God to be on our side. If He is with us it is more than all the world against us.

God help us pray daily, if God is among us or not, just in our homes.

LEVITICUS, 2D CHAPTER, 13TH VERSE

I am the Lord your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt that ye should not be their bondsmen, and I have broken the bands of your yoke and made you go upright.

I am thankful I can say the Lord is my Shepherd I shall not want. Any good things is well for His child to have if I continue to serve Him and obey His commandments. My God has brought me through many dangerous seas such as man has not power to do. God help us to trust God as we did when we was in the darkness of sin. God did not bring us out of the darkness of sin not until we fully trusted in Him with all our hearts, not a part of our heart. We gave Him all the best we knew how. Now we are a child of the King, not a bondsman of satan. We are out of the land of Egypt. God has broken the yoke of sin. We must stand fast when Christ has made us free. God has given all of His children that fully trusted in Him victory over death's hell and the grave. If we do our best and stand fast the winds may blow, the storms may rise; nothing can drive us from the living God. When God broke the yoke of sin and set us upright God gave us a command for the little things that come in our path. If we are not watching we will go back in Egypt. It is just what the devil wants a child of God to do. Who shall we watch? Our friend and brother that in sweet counsel with us. Often we get discouraged when our brother wounds us. We are not watching. Go back in Egypt, we must please God, not man. If we stand fast wait on the Lord, He will bring everything to pass as He has promised us. The heaven and earth shall pass away, His word must stand. God has said so. Praise His Holy Name. God has given us victory over death's hell and the grave, taken us out of Egypt, has broken the yoke of sin. We are bondsmen of the living God. Praise His Holy Name for His goodness to us.

NUMBERS, 10TH CHAPTER, 29TH VERSE

And Moses said unto Hobab, the son of Raguel, the Midianite Moses' father-in-law, we are journeying unto the place of which the Lord said, I will give it you. Come then with us and we will do thee good, for the Lord hath spoken good concerning Israel.

Who are us? We are sinners saved by the grace of God and believing in His word. What are we doing now? Praying for the power of God to keep us, that we may so journey in the Saviour's care, and find some unsaved soul and take them with us. Do them good in the name of God. Dear son, how can we do them good? In many different ways. One may help any one when they are stealing from a friend. Do not help one who speaks evil of any one. When one is going to a dance do not help them get ready. Tell them how much they will need the Saviour should a pain strike them when they are dancing. Do come and go with us. He will do thee good; we will do thee good; we will take you to a friend who has power to heal all sickness. Come, we will take you to a friend who will heal you when your heart is sick with sin. Come and go with us; we will do you good. We will take you to a friend that will stay with you when mother is passing away from this life. Come and go with us; we will do you good when all of your friends have forsaken you. Jesus will stay with you. Jesus will be your constant friend. Come and go with us. We will do you good when all of your family has gone from this life. Your heart is burdened with pain and sorrow. Come and go with us; we will take you to a friend who will give you an everlasting life. You will never die. When the storm comes you will not blow away. You will be so high no storm can go over; so deep, nothing can go under; so wide, nothing can go around it. Come and go with us; we will do you good. We will take you to Jesus; He will go with you through the valley of the shadow of death.

DEUTERONOMY, 18TH CHAPTER, 17-18 VERSES

And the Lord said unto me, they have spoken that which they have spoken. I will raise them up a prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put My words in his mouth, and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him.

God help us to speak of the living God and His righteousness that will stand throughout endless ages of time. How shall our speaking stand for the living? God cannot. If God did not send us, who sent the speaking that did not stand a false prophet. How shall we know them. Their works die with them. They are nothing more than dead leaves. How shall we know a child of the living God? A child of God has power. With God, the hearts of God's children must be in touch with one another. God's word is a live wire. It must go on and on in the valley, over the mountain, under the sea current. It is so strong at times, when turned on in full, we open our mouths and give praises unto the living God. Others feel the power of God and expect the salvation. We fear them. How often we have reforce when we hear the word of God coming out some one's mouth, singing a song, they have been redeemed, washed in Jesus' blood. God has put His word in some one's mouth now. But a child of God can feel the power of this song and understand the meaning of God's children's song. Woe be unto every one who is singing God's song if God didn't give the song to them. Nothing but death for such; the song must die with them. If God's word be true, His word is firmer than the heavens; the depth we cannot find; the height we cannot reach; the breadth no man has been given power to go around; must come through the word of the living God. The word of the living God is in my mouth. I am giving the song God gave. We are speaking of the living God. God help us to be such a prophet as pleases Him, not man.

JOSHUA, 4TH CHAPTER, 1-2 VERSES

And it came to pass, when all the people had clean passed the Jordan, that the Lord spake unto Joshua, saying, Take you twelve men out of the people, out of every tribe a man. Come, let us go and see what the end will be. Do not loath back for the tempting things of this life often given us in different ways. God says, "He who puts his hand to the Gospel plough and looks back is not fit for the Kingdom." Should we get into the Kingdom after we have loath back. We will not get the first reward God had for us. Often the mountain is high, the valley is low, our strength is almost gone. Keep on in God's name. He is able to give His children all the strength that is needed in time of trouble. If we cannot climb the mountain, go through the valley.

What will we do when we come to the River of Jordan? This is our trying time. If we fail at the River of Jordan we are lost; we cannot afford to let our souls go to hell. There has never been a traveler return from hell to tell us how long eternity is. We are on our journey, looking for some one to go with us.

Where are you going? All the way through Jordan. If it is dark I must go on in God's name. How many would you have go with you through the cold, chilly streams of Jordan? As many as will go with me. I heard one say, I have not money to pay my way. Thank God this journey I am going to take is free to all mankind. Jesus paid the debt long ago for us all. Who will go and see what the end will be? I should like to hear twelve say, I will go in God's name and see what the end will be. It is a small number. Twelve that will not look back is better than arms of men starting through and loath. I am looking for the men that will go all the way, pass over the Jordan, not loathing back.

JUDGES, 6TH CHAPTER, 5TH VERSE

For they came up with their cattle and their tents, and they came like grasshoppers for multitudes, for both they and their camels were without number. And they entered into the land to destroy it.

The works of a wicked man is nothing more than a grasshopper to the power of God. Give us children if we only stand fast in Christ who has made us free. If God is on our side the gates of hell will not prevail against us.

Stand fast. Grasshoppers come to a child of God in so many different ways we cannot afford to leave the things we have, if they are for God's salvation. Stand fast. God will drive the enemy back in His time and His way.

How shall we stand for the salvation of the living God when so many stumbling back are in our way?

First, we must pray in season and out of season. See if we cannot just as well pray if we do not watch the grasshoppers that jump and hop in our path. They get in our path much easier than we can get them out. What shall we do? We cannot do anything if God is not on our side. If God is for us it is more than the world against us. Multitudes of camel may come in our path. God has ways for us and camels. He can get them out of the way. Stand fast in the liberty where Christ has made you free. If we are doing something good for the salvation of sinful man and the grasshoppers get in the way, call on God. He promises to get them out of the way. God's word is just the same today as it was in our mother's and father's day. The same God has brought us out of the darkness of sin in the sunlight of righteousness. God helps us. Do not let camels come in large numbers. Grasshoppers take the light of righteousness from us.

RUTH, 1ST CHAPTER, 6TH VERSE

Then she arose with her daughter-in-law that she might return from the country of Moab, how that the Lord had visited the people, in giving them bread.

We are pilgrims on a long journey, trying to walk the City of Gold. O, that beautiful city! Who will come and go with us? First I want to see in the City is King Jesus. Who will come and go with us? Our daughter-in-law is with us. Is it enough to go with us. No; our daughter is going with us. Some have gone. No, we are looking for other daughters that have not tasted the bread of life. Oh, how sweet it is to find some unsaved one that will go with us. Get the bread of life, drink from the fountain that will never run dry. God help us. King Jesus is the Bread of Life. He can, and will give the water. We will never thirst again.

How shall we find them? He is willing to get the bread of life only by faith. How shall we get the faith? Live the life before God and man that the world may see we are heavenly bread. It is sweet. We are trying to give it to all we can get acquainted with. This is a long journey; we get weak at times. What shall we do? Call on God; He will be with us in the time of trouble. He is the same today. God will not leave us in the time of trouble. What is troubling us? We are saved. It is not enough to be saved. We ourselves must try and save our daughters and sons of man. We are pilgrims looking for daughters. Go with us to the land of heavenly bread. God help us find such one to please Him. May God's hand sit upon the daughters and daughter-in-law until they find the bread of life.

FIRST SAMUEL, 1ST CHAPTER, 16TH VERSE

Count not thine hand-maid for a daughter of Behal; for out of the abundance of my complaint and grief have I spoken hitherto.

Oh, that man may open his heart and let the salvation of God come in before the night of darkness comes upon them. If the sinful man lets the darkness come upon him and shut out the light of Christ, what will the cry of the unsaved be? My day has passed. I am cut off, even to the thoughts of my heart. Where the tree falls it must lie to the north or south; it must say. Wha can God's hand-maid say? We have grieved for the salvation of this sinful world. Man will rebel against God's word, calling on God to damn his soul that is full of sin and cramped with the evil things of this life. What shall the daughter Belial do? Our very best, calling on the living God that Hhe will remain in sin. God has said one can choose a thousand to come. Put ten thousand to flight. God is the same God He was in old Daniel's time. He can hear and answer prayer the same as He did when he took the lions from Daniel; he was not harmed. The same living God today. We can see him only with the eye of faith. God, help us to have such faith that pleases Him. One can climb mountains of sin if we trust God as the three Hebrew children. Three were put in the fire furnace. When the King looked in the furnace He said, we put three children in the furnace, behold, I see four. One looked like the son of the living God. All power is in the hand of God. I am the daughter of the living God, doing my best, praying God will be pleased with the work from my hands.

SECOND SAMUEL, 18TH CHAPTER, 13TH VERSE

Otherwise, I should have wrought falsehood against mine own life; for there is no matter hid from the King, and thou, thyself, wouldst have set thyself against Me.

King Jesus knew us before we were born in this world. He knew what we could do for Him and the salvation of sinful man. Be ye not deceived. God is not. Work, every one of us; it is good for something in this life. God doesn't compel us to follow after Him. We are free; we can choose the way we want to go if we choose the ways of sinful man. We cannot fool God; we fool ourself and man. Only God knows us better than we do ourselves. God has the power. It has never been given to man. He looks in the heart of us all. When we try to fool God we are wasting our life. When we have lost our life we cannot get it back again. We are dead bodies, going around carrying nothing but sin. If we are live bodies we must carry the light of the King Jesus Christ, Son of the living God. He will bring glad tidings and great joy to many unsaved men. When we are doing our best we often feel we have done nothing in the sight of God. In such time as this we are giving our life as it pleases God. Keep on in well-doings. God only knows the heart of us all and what we are doing for Him. God help us. Do not wrought falsehood against our life. There is no horse chariots, no man, no Kings can save us in the hour of death. We cannot hide anywhere from King Jesus Christ the Son of the living God.

FIRST KINGS, 18TH CHAPTER, 21ST VERSE

And Elijah came unto all the people and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? If the Lord be God, follow Him; but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word.

When one has not decided to be a Christian they are halting between God and the devil, not decided who they shall serve. If we believe God is God, why not let Him knock at our hearts door and let Him in. God waits longer for us. Let Him in our hearts. Then any other friend will let Him in. God knocks for us; let Him in many different ways. One way, when a friend asks you come, go to Christ, God is knocking. Then you go to the church. The minister asks you to come to Christ. God is knocking. When you get in trouble of some kind you say, When I get out I will be better. God is knocking in many different ways. Why halt between these opinions, sinner. May God help you. Choose this day who you will serve before the night of darkness comes upon you. God has food for you sinners that will last longer than forty days; throughout eternity if you eat this food of righteousness. You can go in a den of thieves. Christ is there in some lonely cave. You will be filled with the food of righteousness. God is knocking for you. Choose this day who you will serve, sinner, if you choose Elijah or God. The wind and storms may come at any time. It cannot blow you away. We have now trusted in Elijah God has founded. In a crack is Christ Jesus. The fire may fall from heaven; it will only come same as Baal and those that follow after Baal. I pray God if the reader is not saved they will choose Ye this day. Who will you serve, Elijah? God will be your God if we trust in Elijah God. He will stay with us as no other friend can do. When the fire falls upon us call on Elijah's God. Not one will say a word. Elijah's God is the true and living God.

SECOND KINGS, 18TH CHAPTER, 6-7 VERSES

For he clove to the Lord and departed not from following Him, but kept His commandments which the Lord commanded Moses. And the Lord was with him and he prospered whithersoever he went forth; and he rebelled against the King of Assyria and served him not.

O, for more faith in Christ the Son of the living God.

How shall we have faith in God such as pleases Him? Leave off our ways, cleave unto God and His way. When the tempter comes along cleave unto the Lord, let nothing persuade us to depart from the Lord, Who is everything to us. If we called unto the Lord and keep His Commandments we must shut our eyes and not see the tempter when he stands before us. Shut our mouths, pray to God to give us just the word we should say sometimes. It is well to plug not here the singing of devils song the devil sang to a child of God. It is work to do this. Remember, we must work out our salvation with fear and trembling to gain the victory. We must have God on our side. We will not be strong enough to rebel against the evil man gives us. It is sweet to obey God's command and walk in the way of righteousness. Horses and chariots may come before us. God is with us. Nothing can take us away from the love of the living God. Shall we cleave the Lord and depart not from following after Him? Must endure hardness as good as Salger. Cannot get to heaven on the flowery beds of ease. We must fight to win the praises and sail through the rough seas. Sometimes the storm is heavy. Country winds are blowing. What shall I do? Cleave to the Lord and not depart from following and keeping His Commandments. Moses' God shall be my God; He is able to carry us through the valley and shadow of death if we rebel not, when God gives us His command.

FIRST CHRONICLES, 11TH CHAPTER, 1ST VERSE

Then all Israel gathered themselves to David unto Hebron, saying, Behold, we are thy bone and thy flesh.

We Christians are the salt of the earth. What will become of the sons of man? If our salt has lasted it is only good to be cast out, not good for the dunghill. Should some unsaved man be found on a dunghill? If a Christian has cast his Saviour out he is no good. He has not a right religion to entertain only such things as dunghills contain. How can he ask God for His blessings and accept the blessings from God if not doing everything to get them in his way? We who have lost the seasoning of the salt God gave us do not hammer God as much as we do our daily earning. When we get our pay do we ever think who gave us the work that we may get bread for our children who are bones of our blood and our flesh? When they cry for us to help them we do our best for them. Often our hearts pain us as no one can see but God, because we cannot do more for our flesh and blood. What are we doing? Are we gathering any unsaved man to God? If we have been doing our best get up in God's name and strength; see what we can do for the salvation of our bones and flesh. Have we any bones of our bones, flesh of our flesh, unsaved in our home? We love our bones and flesh. Will we Christians let them starve away and die out of Christ? Where is our salt God gave us? Has it lasted, Saviour? All of our children are gathering themselves around telling us they are our bones, flesh of our flesh. What shall we do, feed them with the word of the living God? Shall we feed them? Pray God for heavenly food for our bones now and our flesh, such as will stand when we have gone from labor to our reward.

SECOND CHRONICLES, 5TH CHAPTER, 1ST VERSE

Thus all the work that Solomon made for the house of the Lord was finished; and Solomon brought in all the things that David, his father, had dedicated; and the silver, and the gold, and all the instruments put he among the treasures of the House of God.

What are we doing for the Building of God? Are we trying to put in such furniture as Solomon did? Our mothers and fathers have gone and left the work for us. If we are the children of God and living in God's House we must do our best to keep it in repair for God in some way. That pleases Him. What shall we keep in God's House? Nothing but pure gold. Shall we do it by faith and pray? Who can help us do this work? Mother, no; father, no; friend, no. We must keep God's House ourselves when our Heavenly Father comes. We can entertain Him in a well-kept house. Who will pay us for our labor? What kind of pay are we expecting? Heavenly pay only God can give us. Are we trying to bring some unsaved one in our house that they can see and taste how sweet the goodness of salvation? If God helps us do our best we might please Him in every way. We lay up treasures in our homes for the rainy day. It is a good thought. A man is wise for preparing for himself and those in his care. If the mouth eats his goods what then? If thieves break in his house and steal his goods, he has nothing. God help us look for treasures for God's House as King Solomon did. Thieves cannot break in and steal the salvation God gave us. We will have treasures such as King Solomon had—gold and silver.

EZRA, 10TH CHAPTER, 25TH VERSE

But when Esther came before the King He commanded by letters that his wicked device which he devised against the Jews should return upon his own head, and that he and his sons should be hanged on the gallows.

Esther was a beautiful woman. The King loves Esther more than all women. God cares little for our beauty. The heart is what God wants, filled with purity. An evil heart is the cause of much danger in many different ways. What can an evil heart do? First, if evil gets in our hearts get it out as soon as possible. If it remains, great danger of envy of our brother's house. Hold good, too. Take from our brother his wife; steal from our brother his money; will not pay our debts. Why not pay our debts? Think our brother has much just because he has more than us? Evil is in the heart; it has almost closed the door. Christ comes in. If we keep entertaining evil the worse is to come yet. We will be murderers of some one that will be of much service in the Master's case. Keep entertaining evil. It has stayed in the heart so long it cannot get out. No room in our hearts for Christ and His Holy Spirit. Nothing more we can do but die. Cannot wait for God to take us out of the world. Must hang on the gallows. Keeping just what we saw, let it be good or bad. The King did not treat the Jews as he should have them treat him.

May God help us to pray for our brother and ourselves that we may sow good seed, not do the things which will bring Jews and Kings to the gallows.

NEHEMIAH, 2D CHAPTER, 13TH VERSE

And as I went out by night by the gate of the valley, even before the dragon well and to the dung port and viewed the walls of Jerusalem, which were broken down, and the gates thereof were consumed with fire.

We Christians should be sad on account of the sinful gates in our city. They are falling down on account of our Father's sinful children. Shall we stop the sinful gate from falling any more? Our Father's unsaved children keep them from falling in the valley of darkness and despair. First, we should pray God for ourselves. If we have faith with Him that we will build the gate of sin that they will not fall down any more on our Father's children. The first step is to get a new supply of timber to build the house and gate for the salvation of our Father's sinful children. What kind of timber shall we use for the gate and wall? The very best, as God demands of us. That is, pray and faith to God that we Christians will keep our house and gate from the welfare of our children in our city. How shall we do this? Keep getting a new supply of grace every day. That God had more laborers who will go in the vineyard and work. The harvest is ripe, the laborers are few. How many different ways are the walls and gates falling down? Burnt with sin, card playing, dancing, intoxicating drink. Are we doing our best for our children that they may not stoop to these wicked sins? Though some of us are helping our children in these sinful pledges God help us to stand at the gate of righteousness. Help all we meet with to build a wall of righteousness that will stand hroughout eternity.

ESTHER, 9TH CHAPTER, 3-4 VERSES

And when I heard this thing I rent my garment and my mantle and plucked off the hair of my head and of my beard, and sat down astonished. They were assembled unto me every one that trembled at the word of the God of Israel because of the transgressions of those that had been carried away and I sa astonished until the evening sacrifice.

Come, let us make a decree unto God. We will pull down the old house of sin and build a house for God; one that He can live in. How can we do this if we have entertained sinful things in our house? We must do away with them before we can make a decree for God. If our garments have caused us to sin against the will of Almighty God, cut the hair of God. If our eye is evil we must get the evil out of our one eye before we can see evil in our brother's eye. We should not make sacrifices if we do not keep them. It is best not to make them if we do not keep them in the way that pleases our Heavenly Father. God is pleased with every good thing we do for Him. He has wisdom to know when we are doing our best. Let it be the simplest act, God will pay us in large number. The unsaved man is astonished, does not understand a Christian making sacrifice to God. They would assemble unto us and be astonished and tremble if they could find out the power of the Almighty God. If our hair, or beard, or garment has caused us trouble at the word of God in our transgression God help us make a decree sacrifice such as pleases Him.

JOB, 22D CHAPTER, 21ST VERSE

Acquaint now thyself with Him and be at peace; thereby good shall come unto thee.

How will it be with us when the trumpet of God shall sound so loud it will make the dead arise? If we have not acquainted ourselves with God in peace. With Him it is not enough to believe in God. We must repent of our sins with all our hearts and souls. Do our best at all times for the salvation of man. Keep praying for God's divine power to keep us from sin. In this way one of His weakest children can get more acquainted with the ways of God. Strength will come to us such as no one can give only the Son of the living God. Such strength will enable us to go for Him. When we are tired and sleepy no one can go this way only a short time. If we are not in peace with God we must please God for our work to stand for His case and salvation of man. I am doing my best with the help of God to put away iniquity far from my tabernacles. Lay up gold as dust; yea, the Almighty God will send a wind at His command and blow the dust of gold in some unsaved heart. I pray God for his light. When trouble comes to us God help us stand for His salvation as pure gold. We must trust God at all times and remember what Job said. When God told Satan, Behold, Job is in thine hand but save his life, not one word against God when Job's wife thought best to curse God and die. Why did Job trust in God? Job was not at peace with God. We cannot bear our troubles as Job did. We, who are acquainted with God, must have some trouble. We must bear them for God's sake in this way. We will have peace with God when we are going through the valley and shadow of death. We who are in peace will have god to go with us.

PSALMS, 107TH CHAPTER, 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8 VERSES

O, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for his mercy endureth forever. Let them be redeemed from the hand of the enemy and gather then out of the lands from the East and from the West, from the North and from the South.

They wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way; they found no city to dwell in. Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them. Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble and He delivered them out of their distress. And He led them forth by the right way that they might go to a city of habitation.

Oh, that men would praise the Lord for His goodness and for His wonderful work to the children of men. How shall we begin to thank God for His goodness to us first? Thanks is for giving His dear Son all heaven had to this sinful world that we might be redeemed from our sins. If we have been redeemed, who should give praises to His Holy Name first in our homes? Praise God's Holy Name first in the street, in every home we go in. Salt it with praises to the name of the living God. Do our best to get some unsaved one to praise God. Are we Christians pleasing God in this way? Yes. What reward will we get? God will bless us in this life in such way that pleases Him. Must we be pleased if God don't bless us in the way we have prayed for Him to do? Yes, God knows just what is best for His children better than we do. We must praise God for our homes we live in, for the furniture in our homes. Thank God for the food we bring in our market baskets before we think of getting it ready to eat. When we have prepared our food the way we like it thank God for the health we have to eat it. Thank God after we have eaten the food that hunger has been taken away from us. It is the hand of God that is leading us and our children out of danger and distress. God help us to be thankful as the birds are giving praise to His Holy Name.

PROVERBS, 9TH CHAPTER, 1-2 VERSES

Wisdom hath builded her house; she hath hewn out her seven pillars; she hath killed her beasts; she hath mingled her wine; she has also furnished her table.

We are all building a house of some kind. Must be for some good or bad. Who are we building for? Doing my best for wisdom such as pleases God. Have we anything in our house such as pleases God? Doing my best. What are we Christians doing with our tables? Yes, I am thankful I have a table in my house for the living God. I am keeping food on my table. Have some to spare though for the unsaved man or woman. How do the unsaved get food from my house? Often I carry my table to them. My house is the Temple Jesus lives in. My table is the food of righteousness Jesus set in my heart. When he takes away the old stony heart He gives me a heart of flesh when I rest upon my pillow. If Jesus is not there a child of God cannot rest in any place. If Jesus is not there it is not wisdom for a Christian to do anything we would not have God come and find us doing. We must watch as well as pray. Know not what hour the Son of man will come for us. What shall we do? Give all we have in the care of God. If we have a beast, give them to the care of Jesus. If we have wine in our building, give it to God. Have nothing we cannot keep in God's care. God help us Christians to be strong in His faith, to keep everything we have in God's care that we will apply our hearts to such wisdom as pleases Him.

ECCLESIASTES, 10TH CHAPTER, 1-2 VERSES

Dead flies cause the ointment of the apothecary to send forth a stinking savor; so doth a little folly him that is in reputation for wisdom and honor.

Second. A wise man's heart is at his right hand, but a fool's heart at his left.

Oh, for a pure heart to praise our God that He will be pleased at the ointment we bring Him. I would like to have my ointment as sweet as the ointment Mary anointed Jesus' feet. He was pleased; it had a sweet-smelling savor. Mary was a true child of the living God. Jesus loved Mary. Jesus will love us as He did Mary. He has no respect of persons. What kind of ointment are we Christians carrying with us daily.

What is our ointment good for; is it good for Jesus to smell, the kind that pleases Him?

God help us to think more about what bad ointment is good for dead flies; live flies are but a mite; we can drive them away. Dead flies is death if we carry them with us.

What apothecary are you going to to get ointment? Same one we have been going to for King Jesus Christ. His ointment has never failed me in any of my diseases. I am trying my best to find some one who will let Him in his hear. If you will not let Jesus come in the heart you have turned away your best friend.

God help every unsaved man to apply his heart to wisdom and honor. Try to be the wise one. Keep you heart at the right hand.

I am praying for the hearts of men that they may not be folly. Get wisdom and honor. God will pay us for everything we do for Him.

God is so good He pays us when we are working for ourselves. He is the only friend that treats us so kind. God help us apply our hearts to wisdom.

SOLOMON SONG, 2D CHAPTER, 11-12-13 VERSES

Eleventh. For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.

Twelfth. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of the singing of the birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in the land.

Thirteenth. The big tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grapes give a good smell. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

I am calling the unsaved. God help them to take the plugs out of their ears, that they may hear the call that sweet call of salvation. We know not how soon we will see the last winter's rain over and gone; we see the flowers appear in their beauty for the last time. God only knows how soon we will be called from the earth. The fig tree putting forth her green figs, the vine with the tender grapes giving a good smell. When we smell the grape our hearts should give praise to the living kindness of God towards us. The unsaved men are not doing as well for God as the flowers that appear with their beauty. We all like flowers and admire them.

Man not liking his one soul, all he has, letting it starve away and die for food that they will not hunger again in the life to come. Arise, come away from the sinful things of this life. Seek eternal life such as man cannot give, only the living God.

Is it possible the living turtle is giving more praise to God than the man who has a soul must die and go to hell if he has not made his peace with God? Man, arise, come away from sin. I hear the birds singing their sweet songs, giving praise to God in heaven. I see the fig leaves slapping their hands, giving praise to God. Come and go see what the end will be with them that give praises to god after the winter has past and is gone.

ISAIAH, 53D CHAPTER, 3-4 VERSES

Third. He is despised and rejected of men, a man of sorrow and acquainted with grief; and we hide, as it were, our faces from Him. He was despised, and we esteemed Him not.

Fourth. Surely He hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we did esteem Him, stricken, smitten of God and afflicted.

Just think how many times Jesus has spoken to the wind, saying, "Peace be still," that we would not be blown away in our sins. Oh, that man would stop long enough to see how good God is. Give praise unto His Holy Name. I thank my God for this warning July 24. I did not reject the blessed Saviour when He called me to do this work. Hoping it will not be despised as man rejected our blessed Lord, a man of sorrow and acquainted with grief. How often we have been despised and rejected when doing our best that man might not run from the word of God. Shall we stop? No, go on in Jesus' name; praise Him if we stand alone in this world. Remember how Jesus bore our grief. Must we get discouraged and stop trying to find man who rejected our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ? Not so; go to the fountain, get a fresh drink. We will be stronger than before. How is this? It seems a mystery Not so to a child of the living God why His power is able to keep all who trust in Him. If our friends despise us and say all manner of evil against us what shall we do? Keep on. Our pay is at the end of the journey, not at the beginning. Get acquainted with carrying grief for Jesus. He was despised and rejected of man. Our goodness is nothing more than filthy rags to God's righteousness, yet He bore our grief and carried our sorrows that we may not be afflicted with sin.

JEREMIAH, 9TH CHAPTER, 1-2 VERSES

Oh, that my head were waters, and mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people!

Oh, that I had in the wilderness a lodging place of way-faring men, that I might leave my people and go from them! For they be all adulterers, an assembly of treacherous men.

Christians, it is time for us to wake up from our slumbers. Our daughters are going to ruin. What shall we do to save them from the temptations set before them? First, we must seek God. There is nothing too hard for God to do if we live that near God that we can ask His blessing from Him. Sometimes the fault is in us in a great many different ways. One way, are we living the life of a true Christian, praying for God's divine grace to keep us from falling into temptation and sin? If we do our best God will help us on our journey. Have our daughters seen us do any sinful thing we forbid them not to do? If so, our spiritual influences are in vain God help us to gird up our loins and watch as well as pray. If we are not watching the evil one will steal the answer from our prayers. Let our head be waters and our eyes a fountain of tears, that we will seek for the salvation of sinful men. God help us to go in the wilderness and look for the lost ones that have gone astray, then gently tell them how sweet it is to eat the bread of life, drink from the fountain only God can supply. The water is as clear as crystal, running from a stream that never runs dry. God help us Christians to leave our people necessary and look for the wayfaring man, and find a lodging place in the hearts for our Lord, Saviour Jesus Christ.
Lord, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

LAMENTATIONS, 4TH CHAPTER, 1ST VERSE

How is the gold become dim? How is the most fine gold changed? The stones of the sanctuary are poured out in the top of every street.

How can a man fall from grace easy? If not watching the little things come in a Christian's way.

How do they come? In many different ways. Sometimes by eating food that is not well for a child of God to eat. Read between the lines. 3. Looking for beauty, God is not in it; God is looking for the purity of our hearts. 4. Walking in the traps set for a child of God. No traps are set for the devil. How did I get in such as this? I was once a strong Christian, bringing in the harvest for my Heavenly Father; my gold shined brightly. Has it become dim? Howw did I change my gold? By yielding to sin offered me when I was with my friends. What shall I do? Pray just as well, keep on in sin.

If not watching, the devil can make better beer drinkers out of a child of God than out of His own. Much better liars, better dancers, better thieves. How can they do this? It was once my brother. I did not know he had lost his gold. How shall we know when our brothers or sisters have lost his or her gold? The only way, we must watch our own self; keep near God; He will make us to see sin coming to us in every form the devil sends it to us. God will teach His children just what to do. Can we lose our gold in this way? Yes, God may show us and tell us what things God bids us do; if not, our gold becomes dim. If we disobey God we will change from the salvation of God. Our talents will be poured out in the streets, good for nothing but to be trodden under foot of man. God help us to keep our gold bright and not let it become dim.

EZEKIEL, 33D CHAPTER, 1-2 VERSES

First. Again the word of the Lord came unto me saying:

Second. Son of man, speak to the children of thy people, and say unto them, When I bring the sword upon a land take a man of their coasts, and set him for their watchman.

Oh, that I could hear one say the voice of God is calling them, go and find thy people and tell them the sword is upon the land in many different ways. What will you do? Will you be obedient and eat the good of the land? But if you refuse and rebel you will be damned with the sword. The sword is death. When it comes it cuts man off from this life into eternity. Speak to the children of thy people. Tell them what blessed peace we have with God; how sweet it is to have His dear Son to go with us through the dark valley of death. We all need Him in the hour of death. How will it be with thy people if they have not blessed peace with the living God? It will be sad. We are speaking to our people, calling them the best we know how. Will you turn from the darkness of sin and come to the light of righteousness? What hinders you? Did a man of your coast hinder you from accepting salvation? Did a friend's dance hinder you? Did a son's card party hinder you?

All of my friends are unsaved, I cannot leave them. All of these things are death and the sword. What will you do? Will you despise the word of God and go your way to hell? Will you be obedient and eat the good of the land, and take a man of thy coast and be a watchman for the salvation of thy people?

DANIEL, 3D CHAPTER, 47TH VERSE

The King answered unto Daniel and said of a truth it is that your God is a God of Gods, and a Lord of Kings, and a revealer of secret seeing thou couldst reveal this secret.

All Christians are a mystery to the world; only a child of the living God can get the mysteries such as God gives them. How do we get secrets? By having faith in God at all times and every place. It is first most needed in our homes. Shut your door, keep the devil out, watch the window he is likely to get in. Open the window of your heart to God three times a day. Can any one stop us from praying? No, I thank God He has given all of His children a right to pray at all times. Can we pray as well at all times? No, when we are wounded sometimes we can only groan. God knows the meaning of our groaning to Him. If we have faith in God He can take mountains of sin from us. Can our faith be taken away from us? No man is given the power to know how much faith a child of the living God has. Keep on praying to God; sometime He will reveal to us the secrets that is well for us to have. Have you ever been in the den of Lions? Yes, many times; not the same kind of den as Daniel's. We have lions walking with us every day. Who keeps the lions from eating us? If we keep praying to God as Daniel did in oldentimes God helps us to keep praying for salvation of unsaved men so that they may say, as the King, "Your God is a God of Gods, a Lord of Kings, and a revealer of secrets."

HOSEA, 2D CHAPTER, 2D VERSE

Plead with your mother, plead; for she is not my wife, neither am I her husband. Let her, therefore, put away her whoredoms out of her sight and her adulteries from between her breast.

We Christians must stand fast; the journey will soon be over. If we do not plead with our mothers how shall they come to Christ? What shall they do when the wrath of God is upon them? What will your wife do when God comes to judge the deeds done in our bodies? No time for getting ready, for God must put away her whoredoms out of her sight, her adulteries from between her breasts. How shall it be done? Pray to God for His divine grace to get in our hearts, take away from us the sinful things of this life that come in our way. How shall we begin to give it all to Jesus Christ? Wives, give up your husbands; husbands, give up your wives. Children, plead with mother, for the day of God's wrath is coming. None but the righteous shall stand before Him in peace. When we go before God to give account of the deeds done in our bodies we cannot take everything or person with us. We must go to God as we came in the world, with nothing. Mother nor father cannot go for us in the time of death. Get ready, for the great day will surely come. Who will be able to stand before our Great Judge and King? God help the sinful mother, father, wife and husband. Leave off the sinful things of this life. Start for the Kingdom before the night of darkness comes upon them.

JOEL, 1ST CHAPTER, 6TH VERSE

For a nation is come upon my land, strong and without number, whose teeth are the teeth of a lion, and he hath the cheek teeth of a great lion.

Children, little children, stand fast in the liberty where Christ has made you free. If a child of God is free his or her sins have been taken away from them. We are on our journey to the city of refuge. What shall we do with the teeth of lion? It is best to give them to God. We cannot handle them; they are too sharp; they will stick in us if we try to get them out of our path. If we have not God on our side we are done for. We cannot stand before the sin Satan sends to us if God is not with us. Satan has a large army with him at all times. His army outnumbers a child of God. Satan sends us snakes, dogs, lions, bears, foxes, drunkards, gamblers, thieves, wolves in sheep's clothing in the path of one child of the living God. Let Jesus lead you all the way. He is a captain who never lost a battle, if we march when we are ordered to do so.

How is it some Christians give up the journey for Christ? You would never know that they ever had a part in Christ. Why? They let some of the devils get on their journey and take away from them the weapon God gave them. Was it the snake, dog, lion, bear, fox, drunkard or gambler, thieves or wolves? God only knows the right one. What was the Christian doing when this large number came upon them, not watching? God help us to watch and pray at all times.

AMOS, 5TH CHAPTER, 23-24 VERSES

Twenty-third. Take thou away from me the noise of thy song, for I will not hear the melody of thy voice.

Twenty-four. But let judgment run down as water, righteousness as a mighty stream.

A Christian must get wisdom and understanding. Oft-times it is much needed going on our pilgrim journey. If we make the city of gold we must be lambs in the minds of raving wolves. How shall we do this? Pray to God for judgment. The wolves are running us all the time; when we are asleep the wolves are planning how they can devour us, when we begin our day's journey for the city of gold. The wolves are found in every place a child of God goes, let it be on land or sea. The wolves are in our homes, often in the worst way. Can there be more than one in our home? Yes, often numbers of them. What shall we do? Pray to God for judgment that we may overpower them in the right way and not be overpowered by the wolves; if so, we have gone back in the wilderness. This is the place the devil can harm us much. Why is the wilderness in darkness? We cannot see the clear stream of water of righteousness if we have lost our judgment. God help us keep our righteousness we prayed so hard for; keep our eyes open at all times. Ofttimes they come to a child of God in little things when we are not thinking of them. What shall we do? Watch as well as pray; just as well stop praying if not watching. God help us to so live for the salvation of men that our righteousness will run through them as clear as a stream of water from the living God.

OBADIAH, 1ST CHAPTER, 15TH VERSE

For the day of the Lord is near upon all the heathen. As thou hast done, it shall be done unto thee. Thy reward shall return unto thine own head.

We are sowing, sometimes for years. During this time we can do much good for God or the devil, sowing in many different ways. One may sow the seed of drunkenness; many drunkards are coming up sowing the seed of gamblers; many gamblers are in this world through one. Is this all the harm one can do? No, sowing the seed of thieves, many thieves come from one thief. Stealing all? No, lying. Often men are sowing the seed of murderers; all of this is from one who has the largest number, God or the devil. Who has a large crowd, what shall become of such ones? They must reap just what they sow, let it be good or bad. If done to drunkards, reap their reward; if to a gambler, reap gambler's reward; thieves reap thieves' reward; murderers reap murderers' reward. If all of this comes on a man's head he cannot carry his head; it must be burned by fire. As man has done, it shall be done unto him again. What reward will the Christian get if they sow seeds of kindness such as pleases God? We get paid according to what we do, working on commission. If we do a righteous man's work we will get a righteous man's pay. God said our reward shall return upon our heads. I am doing my best for my reward to be a crown filled with stars that only God can give to the righteous who have borne the burden for God in the heat of the day.

JONAH, 1ST CHAPTER, 4TH VERSE

But the Lord sent out a great wind into the sea and there was a mighty tempest in the sea, so that the ship was likely to be broken.

God is not pleased with us Christians if we are not obedient children. We must obey God and do His bidding regardless of what comes against us. If we are not of age, parents bid us do something God speaks to the conscience. Tell your parents God has bid you do His bidding. Every Christian parent will get out of the way for another Christian to do our Heavenly Father's bidding. I feel that every Christian should be thankful to God for chasing their children to work in His vineyard. What about Jonah? Was he a man or a child? He was a man of age. Why did he go in this great ship running from God's command as many of us are doing this day? Why run from God? All power is in His hands. He can, and does, give His power to those He pleases to give it to. Has God ever called you to go into His vineyard and work for Him? Yes, many times. Why did you not obey? Waiting for a more convenient day. Has it ever come to you? No, it seems to be farther away from me now.

Then when God calles us to work for Him it is the hour for us Christians to wake up and go about our Heavenly Father's work before the night of darkness comes upon us. If we have done wrong and disobeyed, go, repent, when God tempests the ship you flee to Him for refuge. Repent as Jonah did, and pray to God to pardon you before it is too late. When the ship was lost on the ocean Jonah knew God was displeased; when he was thrown out of the ship God had the fish already to catch Jonah. He had to pray, and he prayed out from the fish's belly; Jonah said it was the belly of hell. God help us whom He has chosen to keep his command.

MICAH, 5TH CHAPTER, 1ST VERSE

Now gather thyself in troops, O daughters of troops; he hath laid siege against us. They shall smite the Judge Israel with a rod upon the cheek.

There is nothing too hard for God to do if we trust in Him. Man will let us go and see what the end will be.

If God would take us daughters all out of the world there would be a vacant chair, one in mourning, never out.

We can get troops for our Heavenly Father and march on the battlefield for Jesus if we invite Him to go with us. Come, let us go and see what the end will be. There is no judge that can hinder us if we have our sword in our hand.

What kind of sword have you; is it silver or gold? Pure gold, the best heaven can afford. What is the name of your sword? The Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ the Son of the living God. Who gave you orders to gather troops for the battlefield? Look and see what a foundation the daughters of God have; it is the rock Christ Jesus.

We are standing and nothing can move us if we have not the power to move the rock Christ Jesus.

He is so high nothing can go over Him; so low, nothing can go under Him; so wide, we cannot go around Him. All power is His. He can send just whom He pleases.

Daughter, are you doing your best to get troops to war against Satan? Is your rod in hand ready to take orders for marching in the valley of sin and the devil? Get weak? What shall we do? Gird up your loins, march on in Jesus' name. In what was is prayer and faith to believe and trust God all the way, when the Judges rise against us? If God is on our side we can, and will, smite them down upon the cheek. Daughter, come, go and see what the end will be.

NAHUM, 3D CHAPTER, 1-2 VERSES

First. Woe to the bloody city; it is full of lies and robbery; their prey departeth not.

Second. The noise of a whip and the noise of the rattling of wheels, and of the prancing horses, and of the jumping chariots.

Who are we? Children of God, trusting in the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Did He disappoint you in every way? No. Did you call on Jesus in time of trouble and did Jesus help you? Yes. What did you do for Jesus? Nothing. Did you promise Jesus you would serve Him always, better than before? Yes. Did you do it? No. What have you done? Lead to the Almighty God and rebelled the Almighty God.

Our city is full of lies and bloody men and women. God is displeased at such people as this. Hear the rattling of wheels, prancing of horses' feet. What meaneth this? God is displeased with man. Can we, whom God loves, help the bloody city if we can find the number God requires? How shall we begin? First, find the man who is willing to help himself. How shall we begin? The only way is praying to God for the pardoning of his sins. Did you find some one? Only a promise. Did the man keep this promise he made God? No. If they try to fool God, what shall we expect of them? Nothing but lies and robbery. What will become of such men when they come down to death? If they have not departed from their sins will God have lies and bloody men in His Holy Kingdom? Not so. Nothing but the righteous shall see God's face in peace. What will become of lies and bloody men? I hear the rattling of wheels and prancing of horses' feet and jumping chariots taking away lies and bloody men.

NABAKKUR, 2D CHAPTER, 15TH VERSE

Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth thy bottle to him and maketh him drunken; also that thou mayest look on their nakedness.

When we were little children our parents cared for us in many different ways. First, when the child is born in this cold, chilly world, its clothing is put on it. In fact, the clothing is prepared for the child before it is born. Second, something is put in its little mouth. We who are mothers handle our children with the greatest of care. Often our hearts are in trouble on account of not having more to give them. Third, we who are Christians do our best that the little ones we love so well see Christ in mother. If the child sees Christ in its parents it is not hard to get the child to accept Christ. If so, the child's heart is ready to hear the word of God when he or she is grown in this cold world; grown, now, and gone out in this world for him or herself. Dear mother has gone, never to return to the child.

The child can go to mother. Is the child ready, should the death angel come for mother's boy or girl in the still watch of the night? No. Why? My neighbor gave me drink. I am a drunkard, standing naked in this cold world, no God, no mother.

This is what often happens to our children we love so well. God help us Christians to live the life. God is speaking to us every day through some of His chosen ones, or His voice is ringing in our ears. Live the life of the righteous man; not be a drunkard. If you have been, stop, and pray God take the taste from us, not give drink to our neighbors, make them drunk nor naked when the death angel comes for them.

ZEPHANIA, 3D CHAPTER, 1-2 VERSES

First. Woe to her that is filthy and to the oppressing city.

Second. She obeyed not the Voice. She reclined not correction. She trusted not in the Lord. She drew not near to her God.

Woe to the one that will not hear to the word of God when given to them. The raven of the valley shall pick it out. The young eagle shall eat it. Will you be ready for the bridegroom when he comes? If not ready, the door will be shut. God will not hear the cry of the foolish one; if unjust, must remain as they are; if filthy, must be filthy still. Oh, sinner, God is calling you by lightning, calling you by thunder, calling you by the heavy wind. All of these things are telling us we must die sooner or later. What will the harvest be? Nothing but leaves only good for fire to burn them. God is good; He keeps the lightning from striking us, the thunder, the storm. All of this is to give us a time for repentance.

Sinner, have you ever thought how good God is to us? Man calling on God to damn his soul. His soul is already damned. God is good. Praise His Holy Name.

HAGGAI, 1ST CHAPTER, 6TH VERSE

Ye have sown much and bring in little. Ye have not enough. Ye eat, but ye have not enough. Ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink. Ye clothe you, but there is none warm, and he that earneth wages earnest wages to put into a bag with holes.

Backslider, what have you done with the seed of righteousness God gave you when He pardoned you of your sins? Have you sown them in stony ground? What did you do with the food of righteousness you ate when your sins were taken away from you? Do you ever get hungry any more? Has the taste of salvation left you? Where do you get your drink from now? You did drink from salvation's well at one time. Has that sweet taste left you? Do you ever feel as though you must come back to the God you did love so well? Does your clothing feel as warm to you now? What have you done with them? You were working for the salvation of sinful man. God has wages for you. Will you let His wages run from you, or will you return and come back to the fold of God again? God is waiting to pardon you of your sins and backsliding. Will you come? May God help you to turn from sin unto righteousness.

ZACHARIAH, 4TH CHAPTER, 1ST VERSE

And the Angel that talked with me came again and awakened me, as a man that is awakened out of his sleep.

Eecond. And said unto me, What seek thou? And I said, I have looked and behold a candlestick all of gold with bowl upon the top of it and his seven lamps thereon and seven pipes to the seven lamps which are upon the top thereof.

How sweet it is to talk with the children of the living God. We can commune one with another. We can sit in sweet council together Praise His Holy Name. Some day we shall see the seven candlesticks all of God as Zachariah saw them. I fancy Zachariah is drinking out of the bowl set upon the top of his shining lamp. The lamp is giving light of welcome to God's Saints whom have borne the burden for Him in the heat of the day. The seven pipes are giving sweet music for Zachariah and those who will meet him around the throne of God in heaven. We who have started for the city of gold must not look back. Keep praying for God to give us the faith such as Zachariah had. He was a small man; he wanted to see Jesus. What did he do? He went up in a high tree. Jesus called him down and said, This day I must abide in your house.

God help us all to have faith, such faith that will keep Jesus abiding at our house as He did Zachariah's house.

MALACHI, 2D CHAPTER, 1-2 VERSES

First. And now, O ye priest, this Commandment is for you.

Second. If ye will not hear and if ye will not lay it to heart to give glory unto My name, saith the Lord of Hosts I will even send a curse upon you and I will curse your blessing. Yea, I have cursed them already. Because ye do not lay it to heart.

I praise God, first, for the gift of His dear Son whom He gave to this sinful world that we might be saved from our sin. Second, for pardoning me of my sins when my heart felt the need of a Saviour's care at the age of ten years. God is good not to allow the devil to get me when he could use me until I would turn against the works of the Almighty God. God is good to us for giving us the right to the tree of life. What shall we do for Him? We should do our best and keep His Commandments and lay it to heart. Give glory to the name of the Almighty God, that He will bless the work from our hands.

How sad it is for us not to please our Heavenly Father when He bids us go in His vineyard and work for Him. God only chooses the one for His work who can do just what He wants done for His cause. God help us to keep His Commandment at heart that we will get His blessing, not curses as the priest.

What shall we do? Carry them to Jesus.

ST. MATTHEW, 10TH CHAPTER, 16TH VERSE

Behold I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves; be ye, therefore, as wise as serpents and harmless as doves. How shall a child of God be wise? First, pray at all times

for the power of God to remain with us; second, watch our friends; the one who eats out of the same dish with us; such one can do us more harm than a very wicked sinner; we must be wise in this way that we might please God. When we have this kind of a cross we must be harmless as doves. We can go in Jesus' name and do just what He will have us do everywhere. Shall we go in some fine home? Not unless a home of that kind has a prodigal son or daughter. Let us do our best to get them back in my Father's fold. Ofttimes the lost sheep is found down in the dark valley with no light. What shall we do then? Go in the name of the living God, bring the lost sheep, as many as we can find, to the fold of God. We feel as though this sheep is our best friends; not so often such one is our very worst friend. Then we are wounded so badly we oftentimes wonder if God is on our side or not.

Remember, be as wise as a serpent and harmless as doves. Christ was treated worse than us. We are confessing Christ before men. We Christians must be willing to lose our life for Christ that Christ will own us in His Father's house. Let us not be weary in doing well for the cause of Christ. The night is dark; it will not be long; we shall get our pay at the end of our journey, not in the beginning. When God sends one of His children to work for his cause we should feel God has blessed us with great honor.

God has power to make stones living souls who have never sinned against His command. When we are treated badly, try and bear for God's sake. He did not send us to pick flowers. He sent us in the midst of wolves. God will at all times help us be as wise as a serpents, harmless as doves, that we obey His command.

ST. MARK, 15TH CHAPTER, 26-27 VERSES

And the superscription of his accusation was written over the King of the Jews.

27—And with Him they crucified two thieves, the one on His right hand, the other on His left.

God is good; praise His Holy Name, for His goodness toward mankind; not you and me. When we have good things to give away we give them to such ones as can return the same to us again. Did we ever think how much we are displeasing our Heavenly Father? Who should we invite in our homes? The thief, not strange enough for that we have to lock our doors and keep them in the street; only God can take them with him. What must I do to please God? Try our best to help the poor pilgrims who have borne the burden in the heat of the day. Many of them are living today who have laid the cornerstone which we enjoy today. We are sitting under the grape vine enjoying the beauty of the leaves, looking, waiting for the grapes, that we may eat and enjoy them. Where is the pilgrim that planted the vine? Is he or she hungry we are entertaining? Just such ones can entertain us again. How shall we know the one we should entertain? Pray to God for wisdom such as pleases God to give us. We will understand man as Christ did the two thieves that hung on the cross with Him. If we lack wisdom in a spiritual way go to God, not man. When thieves come to us, if we have not lost the wisdom given His child thieves cannot stay with us; if so, the thief can feel of Christ in us so strong they will believe in Christ the Son of the living God. In his or her dark hour call for Christ to save them as the thieves did hanging on the cross of death. I am praying for God to help us every day; have faith to do what He would have us do for the salvation of sinful man. If we are at the right hand or the left it is the hand of the living Christ.

ST. LUKE, 2D CHAPTER, 3D VERSE

For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation.

How can we see salvation? We must first have the blindness of sin taken away from our eyes. He can take sin away from us, only Jesus Christ the Son of the living God. When God takes away the blindness of sin from us He gives us peace and light to shine in our path. As we go on our pilgrim journey for His cause do not let us depart from the light God gave us when we believed in His salvation. Sometimes we get weary on our journey. Do stay in the temple of righteousness. We may have to fast night and day that we may speak of God's goodness to them that are looking for redemption from sin and war. We cannot please God if we do not count the cost of our tower we built for God, whether we were able or not to finish. God help us count the cost of the tower, not give Mockers a chance to come in our building when we begin to build for the cause of Christ. Count the cost first. The way to count is that only have ten, the enemies have twenty come against us. If we have been obedient, Christ is pleased; your salt shall not have lost its savor; we have the last salvation Christ gave us when the blindness of sin was taken from our eyes. We are building every day if we can find men that will hear the Word of God. He can stay in our building; then we can rejoice at the salvation.

Mine eyes have seen for the cause of the living God; mine eyes have seen drunkards turn from their sinful ways and become workers for the cause of Christ.

Mine eyes have seen gamblers throw cards away, choose God's Bible for their salvation. Mine eyes have seen the heartless turn from their sinful way and choose Christ for their salvation.

May God help my eyes to see salvation for the living God.

ST. JOHN, 16TH CHAPTER, 33D VERSE

These things I have spoken unto, that in Me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

When Jesus left His disciples they were sorry. In trouble Jesus sent the comforter to them. Jesus is our friend in time of trouble, a friend no other can be. When we lose our friend we are often in trouble; when death comes in the home and takes our dear ones from us they cannot come to us if they have gone to sleep in Jesus, that blessed sleep only God can give. We want to go to them when we lose father. Our hearts pain within us when mother is gone; we have lost a friend such as this world cannot give to us. Mother cannot come to us if mother is sleeping that blessed sleep only God can give. We are sad; we want to go to mother. If Jesus leaves us He has promised to send us the comforter. His word has never failed. Jesus says the heaven and earth shall pass away, His word will stand. A child of God must have hard times some way, often in many different ways. We are often spoken evil of when we are doing our best in some way for God. We often think if mother were here this would not be. Mother would stand by her child in this world. God has said we should have tribulations in Christ. We have peace, such peace no one can take from us.

I have often tried to show sinners the way to Christ. They have spoken so much unconcern in regards to their soul's salvation I have often wondered if God is with me. I pray God for His divine power. Then He reasons to me in my heart, be of good cheer, I am with you to the end of the world. I go on in Jesus' name doing my best to get sinners ready for death. I tell them with all my heart and strength death hath no dominion over me. The power Jesus gave me when He took my sins away has conquered death, hell and the grave.

I thank God Jesus has overcome the world. He has given me and all that fully trust in Him power to overcome death, hell and the grave. Death has no dominion over me. I am only going to sleep in Jesus.

ACTS, 16TH CHAPTER, 9TH VERSE

And a vision appeared to Paul in the night. There stood a man of Macedonio and prayed him, saying Come over into Macedonia and help us.

God is calling His children that that are saved, just the same as He did Paul, go in his vineyard, work for His cause. If we fail to obey God's calling us to do His work, then He must do the work of God. We can help in many ways for the cause of Christ if man does not hear. We, who are living Christians, let us pray God for His divine power to go with the word of God in sinners' hearts until they become exceedingly troubled.

When the Spirit of God comes to a sinner's heart he will become troubled. The sinner will inquire of you, what must he do to be saved, as the keeper in prison inquired of Paul and Silas. A sinner cannot be saved when he is in the darkness of sin, not until the light of Christ shines in his heart.. When he believes in the light of Christ then he is saved by the light of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. What must the saved man do to carry the light of Christ in every place we go? In this way man will come out of darkness of sin in the sunlight of God.

If we have the light of righteousness we must take our light every place duty demands us; it may be in some lonely prison. Let us pray God for our light of righteousness to shine in the keeper's heart that he will inquire what must I do to be saved from sin. If we believe in the Lord Jesus Christ with all our hearts then we are baptized of repentance; then the Holy Ghost comes upon us. What must we do with the Holy Ghost? Try our best to keep it with us at all times; not let the swine steal from us what God has given us. If we do our best for God and his righteousness many will pray for us to come and help them as they did pray for Paul.

ROMANS, 10TH CHAPTER, 1-2 VERSES

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.

Second. For I hear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.

Oh for a heart to praise my God, a heart from sin set free; broad is the road that leads to sin.

Narrow is the road that leads to righteousness.

If we Christians are traveling the broad road we will have many to go with us. Remember we have a zeal of our own not according to knowledge. Will this zeal please God at His coming? Not so. We should not do anything we would not have our Heavenly Father come and find us doing. A great many so-called Christians are going about to establish their own righteousness. We must remember Christ is the end of the law. We must have a zeal of God, not of our own. If we see His face in peace what must we do if we have a zeal of God? First, let nothing but the truth come out of our mouths; second, treat our brothers as we would have them treat us; third, pay our debts; fourth, pray daily for God's grace to keep our hearts, that His zeal might remain in us. We cannot keep ourselves; we must be kept by the power of God; fifth, the zeal of God has no sweetness if we do not give it to the unsaved. We must begin in our homes first with our husbands. Let them know we will stand for nothing but God's righteousness; God will bring us out in His own way and time; second, train our children in a Christian way, keep them out of the streets at night. In this way we are giving the sweetness of our zeal to all we meet with. Brethren, it is my heart's desire and prayer to God for us Christians to have knowledge of God and not a zeal of our own, according to His divine grace.

I. CORINTHIANS, 14TH CHAPTER, 1-2 VERSES

Follow after charity and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy.

Second. For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men but unto God; for no man understandeth Him, how—but in the Spirit he speaketh mysteries.

I hear one speaking, What voice is this? It is the voice of a child of the living God. What tongue God gave me when He pardoned me of my sins? What songs are you singing? I have been Redeemed, Washed in Jesus' Blood. Who can understand? Only them who have been washed in Jesus' blood, the Son of the living God. To any other it is a mystery.

Who are you following? The spiritual gifts God gave me—do they lead you to leave the man's tongue follow after charity? How shall we do this? Give money. Not enough have knowledge and understand all mysteries. Faith can remove mountains. I know what I can do. I have given to the poor, I have faith; it is one of God's commands. I am willing to give my body. No—what now God does not want our riches, knowledge, understanding.

We must give God all our hearts.

We must give God all our hearts filled with charity, one toward another. How can I do this in a way such as pleases God? One way, if our friend or brother have riches let us rejoice in our hearts with our friend, not envy him in our hearts. Only God knows what is in our hearts. Your brother or sister can make something. You cannot have charity and feel glad in your heart. Cheer them, and do not say to them you are glad and have envy in the heart. We are lying to them; God can see in our hearts; let us try and help one another.

Speak with tongue of the spirit and follow after spiritual gifts such as pleases God in every way.

God help us Christians to speak many mysteries in the unsaved man's ear. They will follow after our spiritual gifts such as only God can give them.

II. CORINTHIANS, 5TH CHAPTER, 1ST VERSE

For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved we have building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

How sweet it is for a child of God to know we have a building not made with hands. Who made your building? God, the righteous Judge.

How did we get a right to this building? Only by faith and humble prayer. What are we doing with our building? Are we keeping our building in repair? How shall we keep it in repair? Look it over daily—not at night—day and night, every hour. Ofttimes the tempter comes in between the hours. What shall we do then? Watch as well as pray at all times for God to inspire us. If there are any holes, any decay in our building; if we let holes remain in our building men will get in and eat away our spiritual strength from us. If we have a decay in our building the rain and storm will get in our building and rot it away. When it falls we cannot get it back again in the way God is pleased with us.

I am trying to watch my building the best I know how—the only way, carry your building with you every place you go. Speak of your building, invite some unsaved soul in your building, tell them how sweet it is to have a building not made with hands.

In heaven this house must pass away. Some day—we do not know how soon it will be—I do know when this earthly house of this tabernacle shall pass away. I have a building of God not made with hands eternal in the heavens.

I am writing you about my building this day, June 7th, 1916, in obedience to God's command, hoping the reader may be greatly benefited, as it has pleased God for me to publish the third book. When this earthly house of my tabernacle is dissolved the reader may be strengthened. May God bless you all.

GALATIANS, 6TH CHAPTER, 7-8 VERSES

Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap.

Eighth. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth of the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

We Christians should be careful how we entertain one another. Ofttimes the Holy Spirit is talking with us; we drive it away unaware. How shall we know the Holy Spirit? We must keep the Spirit in our hearts, carry it with us every place we go. When we meet the Spirit of God it will be like a live wire; the current will be so strong it will burn everything we find in darkness of sin. How can a Christian deceive his or herself? One way is sinning God in the street, not at home. Charity must begin in our homes; second, in the neighborhood in which we live; third, is my hardest task in the church which I belong to? How is this? I find in the seat in which I sit many different spirits. Are they Christian? I have thought so for years. Were you deceived? Yes, many times. What did you do with it after a long time? I carried such a one to God. Are they only in the church? No, I find them in my path daily. Why did you not carry such a one to God in the beginning? I was spiritually weak myself. I began to pray God for His divine power to lead me in the way He would have me go. The spirits are leading me.

Be not deceived. God is marking what shall I do. If I waste God's precious time with them that are working we shall reap corruption trying to fool God and man. What shall I do to inherit eternal life? Keep the Spirit of Christ in us, not let the devil and his plans set for us, catch us in his trap. We will be nothing more than flies, mice, rats; such things are caught in traps.

My prayer to God is that we Christians will gain strength enough to stand before the enemy. Sow to the Spirit; help to reap everlasting life.

EPHESIANS, 3D CHAPTER, 13-14 VERSES

Wherefore I desire that ye faint not at my translations for you, which is your glory.

Fourteenth. For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father, our Lord Jesus Christ.

We have often felt that God has forgotten us. Trouble comes to us. What shall I do? Let us take our troubles to God and leave them in our Heavenly Father's hands and not take them out. We often take our troubles back in many ways. One way, if we have given our troubles to God we must not worry. We are taking them back if we tell a friend our troubles when we have given them to God. In this way we are taking them from God. How shall we give our troubles to God? Fall on our knees, pray the best we know how for God to help us to faint not in well-doing. God has wonderful blessings.

When you had trouble what did you do with your troubles? Did you take them to the devil? If so, only the devil's pay we must expect. We have fainted. If so, God forbid, God help us to bow on our knees to our Father, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will give us glory for every trial we endure for His cause. If God stayed with us always we would not know how sweet it is to take our tribulations to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. You Christians do not endure hardness as a good soldier; we cannot get our crown; God has waited for us. How shall we endure when our brother treats us so badly and take our peace from us? We cannot sleep at night; that is one of our tribulations. Take it to Jesus and leave it with Him.

God will give us glory in His time if we have given our tribulations to Jesus. We are displeasing God when we tell it to a friend. We must bow our knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and pray for Him to give us grace to stand our tribulations as one of His dear children, that we may get the glory God has waiting for us. It will bring such joy no one can give us only the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

PHILIPPIANS, 8TH CHAPTER, 13-14 VERSES

Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth unto those which are before.

Fourteenth. I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

When I was a girl the age of ten years I felt the need of a loving Saviour's care. I prayed to God in my childish way. Jesus, moved with compassion, heard my prayer and called me out of the darkness of sin into the light of righteousness. I am trying every day to leave sin behind me and forget the sinful things of this life. I am reaching forth unto righteousness such as only God can give. If we are carrying sin in our heart we are looking back after the things behind us. We cannot get the prize God has waiting for us. How shall we get the prize? We must deny ourselves, take up the cross daily and contend for our prize. How shall we contend for the prize when we are tempted to speak evil of our brethren? First, inquire of God, will He give us a prize for warning our brethren in every way; second, when our brethren are walking in darkness of sin do we walk with him in sin?

We cannot get the prize God has waiting for us in this way. We must carry the light of Christ with us daily, let it shine in our brethren's dark path if we get the prize God has for us. Watch our enemies come to us as sheep inward raving wolves—remember we are contending for the prize God has waiting for us, reaching forth for the mark of the higher calling which is Jesus Christ. We must be filled with the spirit of righteousness if we get the glory of God. How can we keep filled with righteousness such as God gave His children? How can we keep filled every day and night and not look back, contending for the faith God gave us?

When we begin looking for the mark of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

COLOSSIANS, 1ST CHAPTER, 13TH VERSE

Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness and hath translated us into the Kingdom of His dear Son?

I am thankful God so loved this world that He gave His

dear Son to this wicked world that we might have a right in the Kingdom of His dear Son. Have we ever thought how good God is to us to give us the best and all He had that we might have a right no man can take from us? God had power to choose one of His disciples that we might be translated in to the Kingdom of His dear Son. God loved us so He gave the best and all He had that we might be saved from the darkness of sinful things in this life. What are we doing for God? Are we trying to translate some one from sin into the light of righteousness? Let us remember God gave us the best He had. Are we doing anything if we make one step for His salvation? God will mark, too, if we do our best. How can we do our best to translate some unsaved soul into the Kingdom of His dear Son?

First, look in our own house and see if any old or new sin we can find. Get it out in the name of God, then pray. God give us just the words to say that will touch some unsaved heart for Him. If you haven't time, take time. Go in Jesus' name. Remember, God gave the best He had that we might be translated into the Kingdom of His dear Son when the night of darkness comes on us. God has promised to deliver us when trouble comes to us. God has promised to deliver us not from the kind of trouble we can get out of ourselves.

When we have done all we can do God will deliver His children in due time.

Oh, how sweet it is for us to know we have been delivered from darkness. Some time, sooner or later, we shall be translated into the Kingdom of His dear Son Jesus Christ the righteous.

FIRST THESSALONIANS, 2D CHAPTER, 18TH VERSE

Wherefore we would have come unto you, even I, Paul, once and again, but Satan hindered us.

We did run well for a season. What hindered us when we lost the sight of the bright and morning star? Satan hindered us; God help us keep our eyes on the bright star God gave us when he took us out of the darkness of sin, and the morning star roused in our soul. We would have gained many stars if Satan had not hindered us. How did Satan hinder us in many ways?

God wanted us to go in His vineyard and work for the salvation of sinful man. Satan did hinder us. The harvest is ripe, the laborers are few. Who will go and work this day before the night of darkness comes on us. If we continue to let Satan hinder us how shall we get our crown God has waiting for us. Can we afford to lose our crowns now? We cannot. How shall we get our crowns? By having more faith, praying to God for His Spirit to lead us in such a way as pleases Him daily.

When God sends His Spirit to us do not let Satan hinder us from the duty the Spirit demands of us. If we do we will miss God's blessings. When we miss a blessing again Satan has hindered us again.

Shall we keep Satan from hindering us? Bear our crosses, give them to Jesus. He will help us as no other friend will only Jesus. We must suffer tribulations.

If we do not, God cannot use us as workmen in His vineyard. God help us not to live a filthy life. God's eyes are on us at all times and can see just when Satan has hindered us. If we are not living the life of a Christian Satan has hindered us.

God help us watch and pray at all times that Satan will not hinder us from getting the blessing God has waiting for us.

SECOND THESSALONIANS, 1ST CHAPTER, 3D VERSE

We are bound to thank God always for your brethren, as it is meet because that your father groweth exceedingly and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth.

I am thankful that God has some strong children growing high looking for heaven.

God will pay us just what is right in due time. It is meet to work for God; it makes us strong. We look heavenward at all times. If we go on in God's name we will grow exceedingly as our mothers and fathers did.

God wonderfully blesses us when He accepts us as His dear children. How thankful we should be to our Heavenly Father for His blessing He is giving us daily. How? In many different ways. First, think when we came in this sinful world we had nothing, did not know any one. Selus! God gave food and strength to our mothers for us. Is that all God gave us? Not the beginning. He gave our mothers a kind heart that they kept us out of the cold, chilly winds to feed ourselves. Did we ever think how much we should thank our Heavenly Father for our kind mothers?

Some of our mothers have passed away and gone. We did not think to thank God nor mother that we have grown to the size of men and women. The best and sweetest God gave us His dear Son to die that you and I shall have a right to the tree of life. Let us grow large and strong in the cause of Christ, have charity one for another, not enmity. In this way we will eat such meat that pleases our Heavenly Father. When God comes for us may God find us grown exceedingly for the salvation of man as our fathers groweth exceedingly.

FIRST TIMOTHY, 3D CHAPTER, 12-13 VERSES

Let the deacons be the deacons of one wife, ruling his children and their own houses well.

Thirteenth. For they that have used the office of a deacon will purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

How can we be bold for the cause of Christ? Do what duty demands a Christian at all times, not one day, every day. How shall we begin in our own house? First, if we keep our house clean we can have such faith as will make us bold and help our weak brother. How can we find the mote in our brother's eye carrying a beam in our own eye? God help us to find out how many ways we can carry beams in our own eyes. We may not speak ill of our brother.

Second, pay our brother the bill due him when we can. God will help us if we try.

Third, when our brother is not doing so well pray for him and give him a kind word; make his heart feel glad, not wound him. If we do our best in this way God is pleased at us; we can purchase a good degree for the cause of Christ. If a man is a Christian he cannot ill treat his wife and please God.

Ofttimes such ones are not the husband of one wife. God help the wife to be the wife of one husband.

A Christian and a lady such as pleases God. What are we doing with our children? Are we doing our best to bring them up in a Christian way such as pleases God? How shall we do this? Train them in the way we will have them go at an early age. First, do our best to get Christ in the child's heart at an early age. We cannot begin too soon to teach the child how to work. Not much time for the street. When they go out try and know where the child is going and what company they are keeping.

Keep them out of the streets at night. If we do our best we will please God, will be the keepers of our households.

May God help us to purchase a good degree and great boldness for the cause of Christ.

SECOND TIMOTHY, 2D CHAPTER, 4TH VERSE

No man that worketh entangleth himself with the affairs of this life that he may please who hath chosen him to be a soldier.

I am trying my best to be a soldier for the cause of Christ in my first attempt.

Examine my garment that it may be clean and spotless from sin that God will be pleased with me and give me this meekness that I may not be empty handed when the enemy comes against me.

We cannot use our meekness God gave us when He chose us as a soldier for His cause. The enemy will take our meekness from us. We are nothing more than dry leaves, only good to be burned in fire.

May God help us who are soldiers for His cause to be brave at all times and stay on the battlefield ready for war and rumors of war will come against the cause of Christ.

Sometimes a soldier must fight when thirsty. Go on, trust God. Though hungry, trust, trust God; tired, trust God; sleepy, trust God. When we feel like we must fall and cannot go any longer, call on the living God and remember God will not let His children lose a battle—no, not one. When we are weary and tired and have been on a long journey for the cause of Christ the bugle may sound for us. Go on the battlefield again; remember we are working for a living God, who has never lost a battle.

We are not one of us His good soldier when we fail to obey God. We will lose the stars God has to place in our crown. If God has chose us as soldiers for Him, let us do our best and please God, not man.

If we please God we will leave some good work in this world, will save many in the fold of God. When we have gone from life to life eternal nothing but a good soldier, one who has endured hardness on the battlefield for the cause of Christ, can be chosen as a soldier for the cause of the living God.

TITUS, 3D CHAPTER, 9TH VERSE

But avoid foolish questions and genealogies and contentions and striving about the law, for they are unprofitable and vain.

Watch the friend that comes to us in sheep's clothing. Inward they are cunning wolves. We are often asked foolish questions.

Who do the sheep represent? The children of Christ doing all the good they can do, carrying the little lambs out of the sun in some shady place, keeping them from getting overcome with hot sun. The lambs are not so strong as the sheep. If we are true children of God we must do our best to help our little ones.

Who do the wolves represent? Children of the devil. What can we do to get them out of the way? It is best for us the wolves are only seeking who they can devour in many different ways—one way, asking us foolish questions. If we do not watch the answer we make we lose the spirit God gave us. We go back with the wolves and the children of the devil. Where can the wolves and the children of the devil lead us Christians? Many different places not good for a child of God.

Sometimes in the courthouse, in the lawyer's office, are we in the place a Christian should be in and know we have gone astray from the law of God with wolves' children of the devil? How did I get in this place? I was doing my best. I thought, I do not bother any one, I mind my business. Just the one the children of the devil are looking for and running wolves devouring us, eating all the good we can do.

What shall we do? Watch and pray at all times.

PHILEMAN, 1ST CHAPTER, 22D VERSE

But with all, prepare me also a lodging, for I trust that through your prayers I shall be given unto you.

It has been my heart's desire and prayer to God that God's Holy Spirit will find a lodging place in some unsaved man or wamon's heart before the night of darkness comes up. Then what shall we do when we pray to God for the unsaved man?

Our desire is so great we cannot sleep at night. Trust God, wait, watch and believe. God will come and answer our prayers right away. Not very often did we think to thank God. For prepare the heart of the unsaved man and let the grace of God lodge in his heart. We must not forget to thank God for His grace that remains in our hearts, that we can pray always. No man can stop us from praying.

Just think how good God is to us. His grace has been given unto this sinful world. Through his death we have a right to the tree of life. We can eat this food at all times in the night when others are asleep. I have often eaten of this heavenly food. I am doing all in my power to find the unsaved one and prepare his heart that the grace of God will have a lodging place for the Son of God.

Keep a lodging place in our hearts for the grace of the living God. We must pray for the unsaved that the grace of God will be given unto others.

HEBREWS, 2D CHAPTER, 1ST VERSE

Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard lest at any time we should let them slip.

Have we forgotten how much we were in need of our dear Saviour when we were in the darkness of sin—how we promised our dear Saviour, if He would take us out of the darkness of sin we would work in the sunlight of righteousness, would let the light shine in some dark valley. The light of righteousness will save one.

God help us to not let our promises slip from us. How can we keep them? No way can we keep ourselves. We must heed the Spirit. When God sends His Holy Spirit to us, if we do not heed the Spirit when God sends it to us we are letting it slip from us, if we do not earnestly heed the Spirit. How does it come to us? In many different ways. Sometimes God calls us, telling us just what He would have us do. That call is not like the call of man's voice. It has a sweet sound in our ear, ringing from God, such as no man can call. What did you hear? Go and tell one of my little ones; get near me. Did you go or let it slip from you? Have you heard the voice of God calling, Go preach My Gospel that man might be saved? Did you let that call slip from you? Did you ever hear God talking with you when you were walking in the street, telling what He would have you do? What did you say? Yes, Lord, I will go. Did you go, or did you let it slip from you?

How long has it been since God bid you go in His vineyard, work for His cause; some ten years, some twenty years, some thirty years I heard one say, God saved me when I was a child ten years of age. I was too young. How old are you now? Sixty years? Did you hear God call you more than once? Yes, for years that sweet call is God calling you.

Now I know that call is from God and I have let it slip from me.

God help every one of us to give heed to the callings from God, not let them slip from us.

JAMES, 1ST CHAPTER, 1-2-3 VERSES

James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad.

Second Verse. My brethren, count it all joy when we fall into divers temptations.

Third Verse. Knowing this that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

When temptations come to us, what must we do with them? First, think who we are. If we are a child of God we must count them a blessing. How it drives us to prayer. When we pray we get strong; if we have nothing to make us pray we would only say prayers, and praying is not the same. Children pray as we teach them. The temptations that come in our way teach us how praying is much needed with us at all times if they come to us in many different ways.

Our hearts get troubled. What then? We begin praying for God to move this trouble from us in some way. Our faith is tried when God does not come to us right away. What shall we do now? Have patience, wait on the living God. In His time He will come to us as no other friend can come.

Did we thank God for the temptations that come to us? Not very often. We should thank our Heavenly Father for the dark valley He brings us through. All we get is from the hand of God; let us give praise to His Holy Name for the pay God brings to us in disguised ways, knowing that trying of your faith worketh patience. Do, for God's sake, let patience have her perfect work. It is hard for us to do this. We can only get God's blessings by working for them in such way that pleases Him. Ofttimes we want God's blessing; knowing blessing, God's blessing is waiting for us.

What must we do now? Ask our husband for God's wisdom? No, God forbid. Ask a friend? Not so. What shall we do? We cannot do anything to please God if we have not faith. God help us to have faith to ask God for such wisdom that we are in need of when we fall into temptation. God help us to court it all joyously. God can give His saints.

FIRST PETER, 1ST CHAPTER, 18-19 VERSES

For as much as we know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things as silver and gold from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers.

Nineteenth Verse. But with the Precious Blood of Christ as of a Lamb without blemish and without spot.

What are we giving God for His kindness to us? Have we ever thought how good God is? He gave His only son for our redemption, the best Heaven had. What are we doing for God's kindness to us? Say I have worked hard in my time for the cause of Christ; then is it not right that we get our pay at the end of the journey, not at the beginning, not half way, not near the end? We must go all the way, for did you ever think when we have done our best we are nothing more than filthy rags to God's goodness. We work hard sometimes; we feel we should get the best God has.

When we feel that way we have done nothing. The time God comes to us we feel we are the smallest child God has. If we are God's child at all we judge a man from his outer appearance; that is our best; it is nothing. God knows just what is in our hearts.

We do not know our own hearts; we stumble and fall so often when we think we have done our best.

What shall we do that God will be pleased with us? See to it our garments have not a blemish on them; give God our hearts, not man. God is the only one we can please if we are doing our best.

Clothing is good; we love to wear them. Food is better; we cannot live if we have not food. Silver is good, gold is better; it brings a better price.

What shall I give—blood? No; give God our hearts, do our best and keep the heart clean, that God will send His Holy Spirit to us and tell us just what He would have us do for the redemption of sinful man. God help us be pure and not turn aside for silver nor gold; it was the blood of Christ that saved us. God help us to be silver and pure gold for the salvation of man.

SECOND PETER, 2D CHAPTER, 21ST VERSE

For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness than after they have known it to turn from the Holy Commandment delivered unto them.

God is good to all sinful man. Have you ever tasted the goodness of God? How did we taste the goodness? When I felt the need of a living Saviour and I gave all I had to Jesus—that was only a sinful heart—I trusted in Jesus' word that He would give me a new heart. He filled my heart with righteousness and gave me a heart overflowing. I can taste the goodness of God in my mouth; it is sweet as honey to me; I am trying to give the sweetness to others. God help us all to give a word of righteousness to the unsaved man, that he will apply his heart unto wisdom and understanding and receive the commandment such as God delivered unto them. God is good; He is holy; He is not willing for any of us to perish away and die. His promise to us, if we keep His Commandments delivered unto us, will save us. When the elements melt with ferment of heat the works that are therein, if we are living a Godly and holy life, such as pleases God, according to His promise, we are looking for a new heaven and a new earth nothing but the righteous can obtain. What will you do when you have turned from God's holy commandment delivered unto them? It is better if the man had never known the way of God's righteousness. He that knows the law of God and does not do his best will be beaten with many stripes.

God help us pray daily for the love of Christ to remain in our hearts that we will never be overcome. Watch and pray.

When we go to our beds at night give our watch to our Heavenly Father. In this way we are keeping our commandment God delivered unto us when He took away the old heart of sin.

JOHN, 3D CHAPTER, 2D VERSE

Behold now are we the Sons of God and it doeth not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when He shall appear we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

We cannot see God as He is if we have not repented of our sins and believe on the Son of the living God with all our hearts. When God puts His love in our hearts tell it to others. God will help us to find some unsaved soul who wanted to become the son of the living God.

We children must do something for the cause of God in many different ways. If we cannot go out in the highways we can find work for God in our homes. Ofttimes we get our first star in our crowns by letting our light shine in the home. May God help us to be more watchful in this way. First let in our husbands. Now we are the daughters of God. In this way our husbands may become the sons of God. It doth not yet appear what good we did for Christ. It will appear when we see Him what we have done for God.

Behold, let us pray God for His divine power from on high. Purify our hearts that sin will not remain in. If we commit sin, transgress the law of God, we cannot be the son and daughter of God. If we are not like Him, marvel not if you are spoken evil of.

When you are trying to save some one into the fold of God remember how the wicked ones did Christ, best friend they ever knew. We have passed from death into life. We have to look for unsaved ones—we must tell them.

Behold I know Christ has reigned in my soul; come and see Him for yourself, and you shall be like Him. When God calls for the deed hath been done. You and I who have kept the faith bear the burden for the cause of Christ, are the sons and daughters of the living God. We are like Him.

May God help us to see God as He is at the latter day.

THIRD EPISTLE OF JOHN, 11TH VERSE

Behold, follow not that which is evil but that which is good; he that doeth good is of God, but he that doeth evil hath not seen God.

How can we follow good and not evil?

First, stop and let God in our hearts; second, in our homes; third, in our business; fourth, take God with us everywhere we go. How shall we take God with us? If we are true Christians God is in our hearts.

Seek daily to keep God with us. We will starve and die if we do not keep God in our hearts. When we look upon the evil things of this life pray God to keep our hands from handling evil. God will help us to not take them in our mouth if a child of God. If we get evil in our homes it is hard to get evil out. We must try and keep evil out in the beginning. We must stay upon our watch. My first watch is myself; second, watch, my husband; third watch, my children; fourth watch, my friend's love; my fifth watch, what evil comes in my front door and my back gate. If evil comes in this many ways and we entertain it we are getting blind; we will not have enough righteousness in us to see God as He is.

Behold, I pray God for us. Seek and do that which is good in such a way we will carry the light of God in us every place we go in the street we live in. Every place duty demands us all we meet with can see God in us. No one can see God in us if we are carrying evil with us.

We must house-clean often, and look in our closets, under the carpets, in our trunks, in our tin cans—some name them growlers. See what the growlers contain. If good be in them or evil. If we Christians entertain evil we had just as well stop praying for all the good we are doing for the cause of Christ.

Behold, I am doing my best that I may not follow after that which is evil.

When God comes for me I will be doing good, not evil. Every effort will be glorifying the son of the living God.

JUDE, 1ST CHAPTER, 24-25 VERSES

Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy.

Twenty-fifth Verse. To the only wise God, our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

Oh, for a heart to give praises unto my God, a heart from sin set free, a heart that will speak of His blood so freely shed for thee. If God holds dominion over our hearts we must have power with God. Yes, what are we doing with our power given us when He saved us from the sinful things of this life? Are we Christians executing judgment for the salvation of sinful man? In what way are we doing this? It is many different ways one may keep looking.

For Cain will slay us as he did in days of old.

We have Cain in our homes; not only in our homes, in the church, sitting in the seat with us. Often we have Cain and —— leading us. What shall we do? Take them to God in secret prayer. God's power will reveal many mysteries to us if we faint not. How shall we keep from fainting on this long journey when we have the powers of hell coming from our brother that sat in sweet council with us? This is the time we must look unto God, Who is able to keep us from falling in sin. If not, we have gone back, not kept the faith God has delivered to His Saints. We must keep our garments spotless from sin and filth, lest when the tempter comes to us in so many different ways, how shall we please God, not man? Tell man we are looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

God is able to keep us from falling. If we will be kept by His divine power we will have dominion over all things coming against us now and for ever. Amen.

JUDGE, 1ST CHAPTER, 5TH VERSE

I will therefore put you in remembrance though ye once knew this, that the Lord, having saved the people out of the Land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not.

How beautiful it is to stand in the shades of righteousness God gave us. No man has power to take away from us the salvation God gave us. We have power with Christ to give salvation to man. How sweet it is to call man out of darkness into the sunlight of the living God.

Can we do anything to please God better, when we leave the ninety and nine sheep that went not astray and go in God's name to find the lost sheep? We may have to go over the high mountain, down in some lonely valley. We must have Jesus with us. Jesus will stay with us in a time like this, keeping the salt of salvation in our mouth that we can call the lost sheep.

Oh, that sweet call only God can give us. If we find the sheep what shall we do with the sheep? Bring him or her to Jesus. Tell Jesus I have done my best in your name. We may be weak from that long journey. Go to Jesus for a new supply of grace that we may keep on working for Him. Jesus will never forsake nor leave one alone who has a desire to follow after righteousness.

If we continue in prayer God will give us grace seasoned with the salt of righteousness, and we will reach the sinner's heart. If we get offended in any way God helps our speech and fills us with grace that will lead some unsaved soul to the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of this world.

I am trying my best to lead unsaved man to the salt and salvation of righteousness.

REVELATIONS, 14TH CHAPTER, 13TH VERSE

And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them.

We Christians must pray daily for God to teach us just what we should do for His cause. When we get the answer, God forbid that we throw it away. Often this has been done by many of His children. If we are God's chosen children we must obey God's voice when He says go in the vineyard and work. If we obey God's command, sometimes we must go down in some lonely valley. Only a child of the living God can go in such a place and carry the light of Christ with us.

Should we find the unsaved ones that will let the light of Christ shine in his or her soul so bright, they will tell others where they saw the light of Christ.

In this way we are blessed in many ways by the hand of God.

We are dead in the Lord; we will carry such sweet spirit to the Lord He will bid us rest from our work. Our work will follow us when we are dead and gone, let them be good or bad. God helps every one of us do the will of God in such a way God will be pleased with us at His coming.

If God bids us write for Him, write in God's name; if He bids us look for the salvation of sinners, look in God's name; if He bids us work for His cause, go in God's name.

We must remember this voice comes to us from heaven, not from man. If we obey God, man is displeased at us. The voice calls us from heaven, not man; we get weary at times. Sleep and rest is for us at the end of our journey—that blessed, sweet rest only God gives to His children who labor and work for the cause of Christ.

When the voice said unto us, Write, if we obey we will get rest from our labor such as is soothing the dead that sleep in Christ Jesus. Oh, that blessed rest. Every one we lead to Jesus is our work—it will follow us.



Father, I stretch my hands to Thee,
No other help I know:
If Thou withdraw Thyself from me,
Oh whither shall I go.

SARAH TOWNSEND

Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth as it is in
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us of
our trespasses as we forgive those that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for Thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, for
ever. Amen.







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